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SUBJECT: Chilean Communist Reaction to TIME Cover Story

On 16 October 1970 the Chilean Communist daily "El Siglo" carried the following comment in a page one box:

"In face of the international campaign against Chile, the National Command of the Unidad Popular yesterday issued the following statement:

"The National Command of the Unidad Popular denounces emphatically the campaign of intrigues and rumors employed in countries of this continent, against President-elect, Dr. Salvador Allende, and his future government. A clear expression of the machinations is the latest issue of the American magazine "Time" in which resorting to the slippery journalistic practice of attributing statements to unidentified persons of other countries an effort is made to transform this into a spokesman issuing threats against Chile.

"Together with elements of the extreme right in Chile they are trying to create an artificial climate of suspicions with respect to the attitude of other Latin American countries. At the same time they intensify the activities within Chile of undesirable aliens who have entered as tourists, whose residences are unknown to the Chilean police, who are dedicating themselves to activities contrary to the sovereignty and the democratic and institutional life of Chile.

"The National Command of the Unidad Popular warns the public not to be taken in by information artfully reproduced in Chile and demands that competent authorities take drastic measures to impose the defense of the prestige and internal security of the country."

